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SUBJECT: MONGOLIAN APPROACH IN PEKING

- 1. ON 19 APRIL, ENGLISH SPEAKING SECOND SECRETARY OF MONGOLIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING, B. SANDAGSUREN, APPEARED AT USLO UNANNOUNCED AND ASKED TO SEE USLO OFFICER WHOM HE HAD MET ONCE SOCIALLY TWO MONTHS EARLIER. CONVERSATION LASTED ABOUT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AND COVERED LIVING CONDITIONS IN PEKING, CURRENT ANTI-LIN ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN, UN SPECIAL SESSION ON ENERGY.
- 2. SANDAGSUREN SAID HIS EMBASSY WAS ALMOST TOTALLY CUT OFF FROM THE CHINESE. HIS AMBASSADOR HAD "NEVER SEVEN SEEN A VICE-PREMIER." HE SAID THEIR TRAVEL WAS ALSO SEVERELY RESTRICTED. HE SAID MONGOLIA CONSIDERED CHINA AND SUPER POWER AND CHINA'S "HELPER" ROLE TO THE THIRD WORLD AT THE UN WAS NOT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THEIR TRUE POSITION. CHINA'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO TURN THE WORLD AGAINST USSR AND THE U.S., ENEMIES NUMBER ONE AND TWO RESPECTIVELY. HE NOTED ANTI-SOVEIT PROPAGANDA SINCE THE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS HAD INCREASED CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSTANTIALLY. HE COMMENTED THAT THE CHINESE WERE DIFFICULT

TO DEAL WITH WHEREAS THE U.S. AND THE USSR TALKED OPENLY AND HAD GOOD RELATIONS.

3. REGARDING ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN, HE SAID IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT THE MILITARY FOLLOWERS OF LIN PIAO WERE UNDER ATTACK AND THIS INCLUDED THE POWERFUL LI TEH-SHENG. UNITY AT THE CENTER WAS PLAYED UP BY THE CHINESE BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE. SANDAGSUREN EXPRESSED HOPE THE U.S. AND MONGOLIA WOULD HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SOON. FINALLY, HE COMMENTED MONGOLIA HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT SYMPATHETIC WITH THE CULT OF PERSONALITY FOR KIM IL-SUNG WHICH EXISTED THERE. SANDAGSUREN ENDED BY ASKING FOR A LIST OF USLO PERSONNEL. USLO DID NOT PROVIDE THE LIST.

4. COMMENT: THIS UNUSUAL MOVE HERE BY THE MONGOLIANS PROBABLY INDICATES THAT, LIKE THE RUSSIANS, THE MONGOLIANS WOULD LIKE TO SHOW THE CHINESE THEY ARE ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE U.S. THE REQUEST FOR THE LIST OF USLO PERSONNEL IS A TYPICAL RUSSIAN REQUIREMENT INDICATING THEY MAY HAVE ENGINEERED THE APPROACH OR AT LEAST WERE AWARE OF IT. MORE INNONCENTLY, MONGOLIANS MAY BE JUST SEEKINS US OUT AS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS APPROACH. REQUEST DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF MAINTAINING LOW KEY CONTACT WITH SANDAGSUREN AND ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON SANDAGSUREN.

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